

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR
THE WAR DEPARTMENT, 1939

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

SUPPLEMENTAL ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR THE WAR
DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000. FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1939, TO REMAIN AVAILABLE UNTIL
EXPANDED, TO AID IN PROVIDING A PERMANENT MOORING
FOR THE BATTLESHIP "OREGON"

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THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, March 8, 1939.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the War Department, in the amount of \$25,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, to remain available until expended, to aid in providing a permanent mooring for the battleship *Oregon*.

The details of this estimate of appropriation, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for its transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Acting Director, Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations I concur.

Respectfully,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, March 6, 1939.

The PRESIDENT,
The White House.

SIR: I have the honor to submit for your consideration a supplemental estimate of appropriation for the War Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1939, to remain available until expended, amounting to \$25,000 for the preparation and construction of a mooring for the battleship *Oregon* and removing such battleship to such mooring, as follows:

CORPS OF ENGINEERS

To aid in providing a permanent mooring for the battleship *Oregon*: For payment of expenses chargeable to the Federal Government in preparing and constructing a mooring for the battleship *Oregon* and removing such battleship to such mooring, as authorized by the act approved June 14, 1938 (52 Stat. 678), fiscal year 1939, to remain available until expended, \$25,000.

The act of June 14, 1938, authorizes to be appropriated the sum of \$25,000, to be expended by the Secretary of War, or, in his discretion, by the State of Oregon under his supervision, for the purposes of (1) preparing and constructing a suitable and permanent mooring for the battleship *Oregon* at a site which has been dedicated for such purpose by the city of Portland, Oreg., and (2) removing such battleship from her present berth in the Willamette River at Portland, Oreg., to such mooring. The act further provides that no money appropriated under the authority thereof shall be expended until local interests have provided such additional funds as in the opinion of the Secretary of War are necessary to insure completion of the work.

I am advised by the Chief of Engineers that the work is now under way and that local interests have provided \$53,660.35, plus waterfront property valued at \$40,000. The total estimated construction cost is \$79,000, and the money now contributed by local interests is sufficient to insure the completion of the work if \$25,000 is appropriated by Congress. It is planned to turn over the Federal contribution to the State of Oregon for expenditure under the supervision of the Secretary of War.

The above supplemental estimate of appropriation is made necessary by legislation enacted since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1939. I recommend that it be transmitted to Congress.

Very respectfully,

D. W. BELL,
Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

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